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EIGHT BIG STORIES IN THIS EXCITING ISSUE











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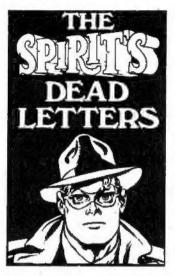
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 Back in Paris? The Frenchmen were ecstatic!

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The crispness...the freshness...the vitality of THE SPIRIT, even after thirty years, is amazing! The magazine must be a joy to edit. In fact, it must practically edit itself!

We hear so much about the past Golden Age of Comics. But seeing the general run of Golden Age material can leave you feeling despondent. This was the best?

Only a few men and their creations attained the originality that assures lasting greatness. Burne Hogarth and Tarzan. Hal Foster and Prince Valiant. Alex Raymond and Flash Gordon. And a very few select others.

At the top of such a list, or very near it, would be Will Eisner and THE SPIRIT. They're one of comics great

I'm still thumpin' the drum for monthly publication. If that's impossible, I'll settle for eight times a year. Heck, I'll take six times a year if that's your best offer. But keep this publication coming. There isn't one around to beat it!

JOHN ROSE La Crosse, Ks.

"The Octopus...there's a villain's villain!"

In SPIRIT #6, in the story "Taxes and THE SPIRIT," the true identity of THE SPIRIT was revealed.

Formerly, I felt about THE SPIRIT the same way I felt about the Masked Stranger with the silver bullets, whose identity was hinted at but never disclosed.

You should never have shown him without his mask! It was disappointing to see his real face.

I will, of course continue to buy and read THE SPIRIT. But I do prefer my heroes to have masked faces and secret identities.

KEITH PRIMM Tuscon, Ariz.

I loved "Taxes & THE SPIR-IT" in issue #6. I don't think anything can beat Will Eisner's storytelling abilities. That sequence was a fine example of Eisner at his best.

Somehow he is able to infuse emotion into his characters. Somehow, he makes you

A potentially comic situation (imagine Superman being charged with income tax evasion) was turned into something more serious (dealing with human trust and kindness) as THE SPIRIT places his crime fighting identity in the hands of the two IRS investigators who were just doing their job.

As corny as this situation is, somehow Eisner managed to get you involved in his characters' own private agonies. And integrity.

And managed to come up with a completely satisfactory ending.

Eisner is brilliant. THE SPIRIT just can't be beat!

PETER BENDER Owings, Md. THE SPIRIT is the sexiest comic character ever created. I concur with the feelings of Ellen, Silk Satin, P'Gell, Silken Floss and his other female admirers.

It almost makes me wish I was a comic strip heroine myself. I know who I'd like to share my panels with!

GERDA SEED Providence, R.I.

Recently in issue #6 of THE SPIRIT, letters written by Roger May and Gary Kimber suggested that artists besides Will Eisner draw THE SPIRIT.

Though it would be interesting to see somebody like Rich Corben draw a new SPIR-IT story, I'm afraid such a course would be disastrous. Sure artists like Berni Wrightson, Wally Wood and Neal Adams are fantastic. But THE SPIRIT is Will Eisner's creation and no one else's. Can you imagine someone like Jeff Jones writing and drawing "Doonesbury?" Wally Wood doing "Broomhilda?"

Of course not!

The essence of each of these strips is the creator's imagination. It would be unthinkable to have anyone but Charles Schulz do the "Peanuts" strip, The same is true of Eisner's SPIRIT.

Gary Kimber also suggests that new SPIRIT stories should be drawn. And that they should take place in the '70's. Can you imagine a character like The Shadow surviving in the 70's?

I'm all for new SPIRIT stories! But THE SPIRIT, like The Shadow and Doc Savage, is a creature of his environment, and his environment is the '40's! To place it in the '70's would require modernization in THE SPIRIT's character. Keep THE SPIRIT the way he is!

My congratulations, James Warren, for successfully bringing back one of the best and most beloved comic strips that ever existed. Thank you!

PAUL WATRY San Diego, Calif.

Again and again people write in praising Will Eisner's artwork. Most skip over his consummate skill as a writer.

Admittedly, a lot of the story line is carried by the visuals. That's how Eisner manages to get away with his economy of words. But the words he does use are all just right! The right place! The right time! The right emphasis!

His accents are fantastic. Perfect. Eisner is the greatest!

> HAROLD GOLD Montreal, Que.

I want to thank Will Eisner, James Warren and the Warren Publishing staff for giving us a clean wholesome magazine that the entire family can enjoy.

TIM WILSON Madison, N.C.

Richard Corben? Or for that matter, any artist other than Will Eisner doing THE SPIRIT?

C'mon. Give me a break!

DAVE MARKOVITZ Portland, Ore.

Ya know, I like Will Eisner's humor in his serious stories. The comic relief character with the bad cold in "Taxes" is a good example. But I don't much care for his straight, funny stuff.

"Glob" was all right, but it was just too improbable. Same goes for "The Lamp."

I realize that there are a lot of people out there who like this funny business. But I'd prefer Warren publish as much to the drama as possible!

MICHAEL ALEXANDER Baltimore, Md.

Thank goodness Will Eisner had the good sense to retire from THE SPIRIT when he did. And retire THE SPIRIT with him!

I've seen too many really excellent strips lose momentum and literally die when the originator lost interest. Some creators even turned their brainchild over to a successor who completely lost the thread of plots and characterizations. I'm thankful Eisner had the good judgment to preserve THE SPIRIT's integrity!

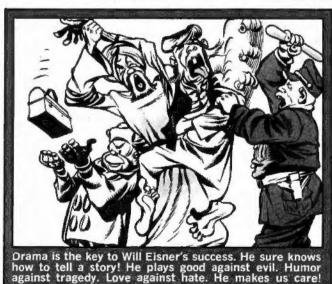
Surely Eisner won't let the thought of present profit influence him into turning THE SPIRIT over to imitators... even brilliant imitators like Rich Corben or Berni Wrightson.

On the other hand, what makes anyone think either Wrightson or Corben would want to draw Eisner's character? They would probably just as soon plow their own fields. (Though I imagine they have spent some time admiring the quality of Eisner's crop.)

MICHAEL COUNTS Downers Grove, III.

THE SPIRIT is the best magagine that Warren Publishing has put out. Will Eisner is obviously nothing less than a genius!

TOM O'BRIEN Lake Hiawatha, N.J.



Eisner...a brilliant writer!"

The conclusion of Bleak and Sparrow Fallon's romance was phenomenai!

Here's hoping that now that they are safely married and tucked under THE SPIRIT's capable wing, their lives will be full, happy. And long.

Those two deserve it!

LOUIS GRIFTY New Orleans, La.

SPIRIT #6 was great! All the stories were superb! I have been collecting THE SPIRIT since issue #1 and there is not a dull story or bad art among them!

My favorite tale this issue as "Showdown!" The Octopus... now there's a villain!

It would be great if Warren would include a full color fullpage mini poster of one of THE SPIRIT's famous ene-mies or allies (male or female) in each issue. Maybe on the back cover.

ERIK MIAZGA Toronto, Ontario

Every SPIRIT story is a masterpiece. And the covers are magnificent. Covers #1 through #4 were fabulous eyecatchers, #5 was a bit below standard. But #6 was right up there on top again!

It looks like Will Eisner may be afraid of making his covers appear too cluttered. By all means, Mr. Eisner, clutter away. Your finely detailed artwork is magnificent!

The only thing that dis-pleases me about THE SPIR-IT is its bi-monthly status. Please give us THE SPIRIT more often!

KERN FEIMSTER Orlando, Fla.

The whole of issue #6 was pectacular. "Showdown," spectacular. "Showdown," "Wild Rice," "Taxes and THE

SPIRIT" were all great!
But the best of the bunch
was "The Winnah." Real drama and pathos in that one!
THE SPIRIT didn't even show his face in the whole story! His name wasn't even mentioned till the last panel.

Will Eisner is a master of comedy ... and tragedy!

ALEX JONES Augusta, Ga.

"Wild Rice" in SPIRIT #6 is one more of those pre-Patricia-Hearst act-alike tales.

It looked like Patty Hearst followed in a long tradition of spoiled-rich-kid-runs-away-becomes-criminal motifs. Why Patty even looks a bit like Wild Rice!

> JOSEPH DIANTHUS White Plains, N.Y.

I sat down and read issue #6 and was completely blown away (as usual) by the vitality and humanity of Will Eisner's creations.

How does the man do it? I've heard he teaches a class at the School of Visual Arts in New York? Man, if he can teach one tenth of what he knows, there should be some really fine cartoonists emerging in the next few years.

KARL SAILOR Des Moines, la.

I have just finished the sixth issue of THE SPIRIT. I found it excellent.

I am one of those "younger readers" who had never even heard of THE SPIRIT or Will Eisner until James Warren began to publish him.

One thing that makes THE SPIRIT so popular is the semi-realistic manner in which Mr. Eisner handles the strip. Unlike many comic crime-fighters, who always come out of battles unscathed, THE SPIRIT sometimes gets the stuffing beat out of him. Sometimes he even seems to come pretty close to not losing the battles, though so far he seems to have won most of the wars!

DON VAUGHN Lake Worth, Fla.

It's too bad that William William's can't cut his hype, and begin to enjoy Ebony for what he is, and not worry so much about which race he comes

STEVEN SCHEIBNER Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Just bought #6. Ah, it's so nice to be building up my SPIRIT collection like this. sit down with each issue and read it as slowly as possible, savoring every panel . . . I agree with H.L. Davis' re-

quest that you publish THE SPIRIT in chronological order. (I suggest that you begin with the postwar strips, due to the easier availability of the reprints of the early SPIRIT sections.)

But Davis' statement that the 1/25/48 section is now lost forever is ridiculous. It's like saying that if you reprint stories that skip over a couple of P'Gell's marriages/romances, that you are never capable of going back and reprinting them. Horsefeathers!

I would prefer, though, that those stories that extend over two or more Sundays be reprinted in order (in the same issue or not, as you please, but in order.)

> **ROSS PAVLAC** Columbus, Ohio





THE SPIRIT wears a mask. It might hide his identity but it doesn't cover his expressions. Eisner's characters have flexible faces, varied emotions. Even behind masks!

Re: Ebony.
Please let the entire thing drop! THE SPIRIT is a classic.
Next to Jack Cole's Plastic

Man it is the most graphic comic art of the 40's and 50's. The plots flow, the morality tales are to the point and most of the characters are ex-

cellent.

As a black man I cannot help but be offended by Ebony. And as a political activist, the sting is all the worse. But Ebony was a product of the times, and that is that, I do not feel his inclusion in the stories warrants discontinuation of the series. Despite Ebony, the stories are classics.

But for God's sake, please stop trying to justify this racist caricature. It would add insult to injury if you reprint-ed THE SPIRIT page from Dennis Kitchen's underground comic.

Racism is too much a part of American society to be made light of in this way. For the past four hundred years it has been used as justification for the worst system of exploitation this country has known.

Even now, politicians use issues like bussing as springboards to political office. Cor-porations play on racial fear and prejudice to keep their workers at each other's throats while they rake in the profits.

Currently there is a con-certed effort by some of the powers that be" to legitimize racism in the minds of

the American people. play it up while seeming to play it down! Series like "All in the Family," "Sanford and Son," "The Jeffersons," "Chi-co and the Man," "Maude," etc., ad nauseum, by their use of words like "nigger," "boy" and "whitey" encourage their use. This is not funny. Nor is it typical of your aver age black or white family.

All workers are not conservative, beer-bellied hard-hats. All Puerto Ricans are not lazy and laughable. Maude's so-called feminism is not truly representative of a very real movement and its just goals. All Italians aren't gangsters. All Asians aren't martial arts experts.

And all black people aren't pimps, pushers, prostitutes or

cops.
This is the impression one would get if he believed everything he saw at the movies.

Some people accept this crap because they don't know any better. No, the American people aren't ready to laugh at stereotypes yet. Too many people still believe in them. Too many still get rich exploiting them.

The interview with Ebony in SPIRIT #7 was just an attempt to justify and return a stereotype that belongs in the trashbasket of history.

Please understand, this is not an attack. It is merely an honest critique. I love and will continue to enjoy Will Eisner's work and creation.

> CHARLES E. CASCONE Orange, N.J.

GETS AWFULLY

Even to a big, tough brute like THE SPIRIT, Wildwood Cemetery can seem like a spooky place at night. Help a lonely SPIRIT. Write to:

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THORNE STRAND:

All right, ladies, let's simmer down and I'll call the meeting to order. Members present are: Ellen Dolan, "Silk" Satin, P'Gell, Sand Saref and of course me, Thorne Strand. I'm Chairman of the Board of course. And, since the gather-ing is so small, we'll suspend the formalities. Now let's . .

ELLEN DOLAN:

Why should you be chairman. Thorne?

SATIN:

Stop being so petty, Ellen, you know that Strand is a very accomplished businesswoman.

ELLEN DOLAN:

But I organized this!! And the word is ... "business person," P-L-E-A-S-E. If you keep on using that archaic vocabulary, we'll never succeed in liberating women.

P'GELL:

Liberating from what?

ELLEN:

You know what I mean! Language and custom are interrelated with the whole framework of women's position in society. If we accept or even tolerate a de-meaning vocabulary based on sexual bigotry, we weaken our position. We must not yield a single bit.

P'GELL: Bravol

ELLEN:

What's that supposed to mean?!

STRAND:

Please! Ladies! We've got business to attend to.

Why don't you tell us why you got us all together, Ellen?

ELLEN:

Well, for a long time each of you has been only occasionally involved with Spirit, while I have had a pretty solid ongoing relationship with him. What I mean is, frankly, to each of you he's an exciting adventurer and represents a well ... sort of ... oh - an attractive nuisance.

A nuisance, alright. Busted a number of my schemes.

SAND SAREF:

Attractive is a modest word for it.

Each of you in your way loves him. Each of you, however, has a life-style that consumes your energies in high adventure. None of you is capable of giving him anything but grief.

Hah!! I could give him a life-style that'd make what he's doing look like a

coach's job in a Brownie patrol. He could have a piece of my action any time he wants. Together we'd own the world.

ELLEN:

That's exactly my point! The Spirit is not really interested in a fantasy world.

P'GELL:

Fantasy? . . . Hah!

He's a realist! He's really quite middle class, you know.

P'GELL:

You're telling me?!

SATIN:

I don't understand where all this is leading. Just what have you got in mind, Ellen?

SAND:

Yes, we're all busy people! What do you want??

ELLEN:

I want the Spirit for myself!.

SATIN:

Hah, ha, ha.

SAND:

Indeed?

STRAND:

Well, well.

P'GELL:

So, what else is new??

I brought you all together because I realize I can't have him unless you all cooperate.

STRAND: How?

ELLEN:

I intend to marry the Spirit. He really is a man who wants a stable existence. His very struggle as a fighter of crime ... his setting up a home base in Wild-wood ... his adherence to our social structure—all the actions of a man who really wants a stable society. The fruits of a stable society are a social life rooted in its traditions. So marriage is his ultimate state. Something none of you will offer him. Only I can.

P'GELL: Yawnii

ELLEN:

If I can get him to marry me, I know that each of you - by your very existence -will still be a magnetic force, an irresistible attraction that will always pull on him. You see, as long as you are out there . . . perhaps occasionally reappearing in some adventure or other, he will always be restless. So I have thought of the ideal solution.

SAND:

This should be good!

My idea is that we all meet here at regular intervals in a kind of club atmosphere. Perhaps we can even invite him. And we can talk about what hap-pened during the year. The Spirit would then regard you all in a, shall we say, more pedestrian light. At the same time, we can all help him if he needs it. Since all of us love him in one way or another, there should be ample motive to do this.

SAND:

Wow!! If that isn't pure gall!!

Now I've heard everything.

STRAND:

You're asking us to help keep your marriage together. At the same time, you keep tabs on us. Now that's nervel

P'GELL:

It's not such a bad idea! Tee, hee, the idea is so ridiculous and so arrogant that it appeals to me. It could lead to some very interesting things. I'm for it!

SATIN:

Well . . . I can't see how it would hurt.

SAND:

Stupid ... but okay

STRAND:

Okay.

ELLEN:

I knew you'd all agree. Thank you very much. Now, shall we call the next meeting?

P'GELL:

Right after you marry him ... or he marries you.

SATIN:

IF and WHEN!!

SAND:

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

STRAND:

Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!

P'GELL:

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

SATIN:

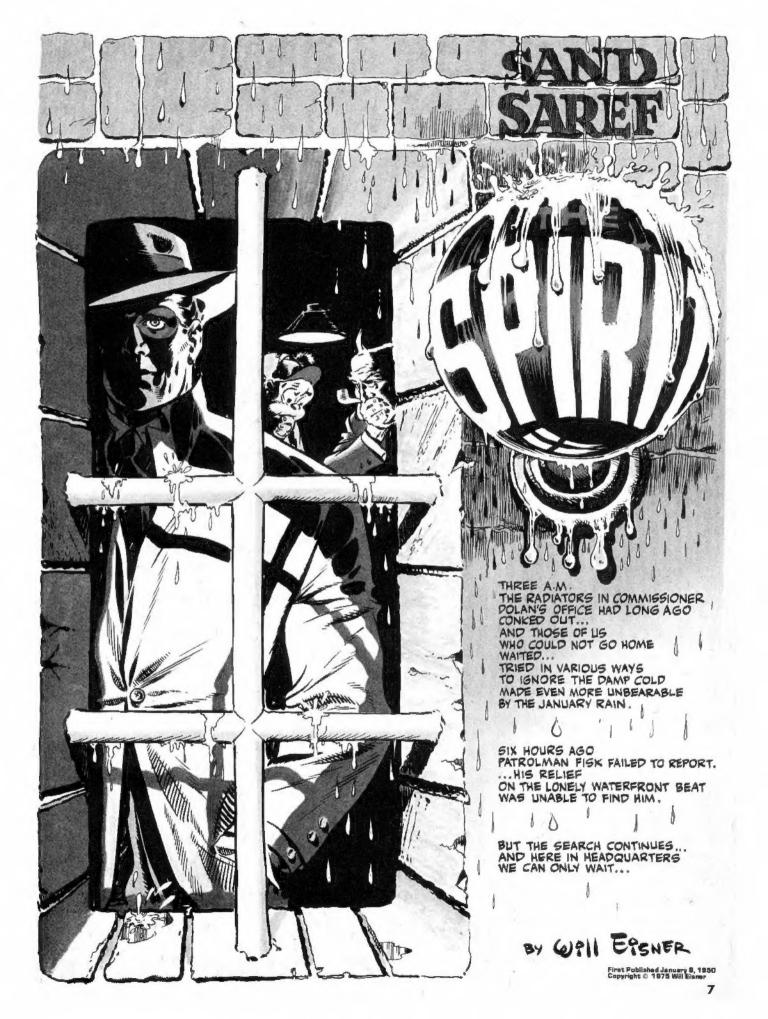
Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

STRAND:

Very well, the first meeting of the Spirit's Women Club is recessed until further notice. I shall notify Will Eisner.

Oh, Satin, I'm leaving for Istanbul to-night. Want to join me, I've got an Arab mark there that's ripe for the plucking. He's got a couple of billion dollars in oil money he is just dying to lose in a swin-dle. There's room in it for you, honey!

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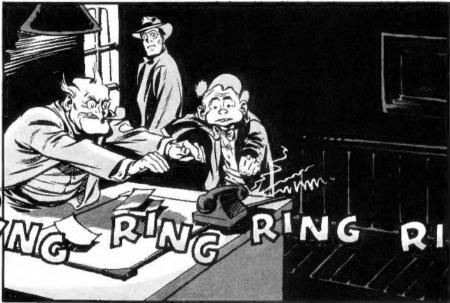






























I WALKED ... LOST IN MEMORY ... MY MIND SENT RACING BACK IN TIME BY A NAME SCRAWLED ON A CARD ... SAND SAREF "... WITHOUT THINKING, I FOUND MYSELF BACK IN DOLAN'S OFFICE AGAIN ...





I FIRST MET SAND WHEN I WAS A KID IN THE SLUMS OF CENTRAL CITY'S LOWER EAST SIDE. I WAS LIVING WITH MY UNCLE AT THE TIME. HE WAS A HAS-BEEN FIGHTER. AS FOR SAND...HER FATHER WAS A COP...



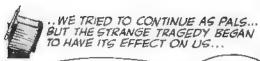
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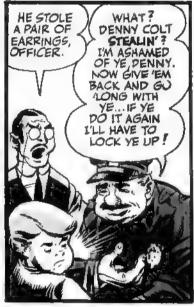


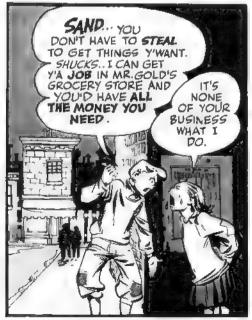


































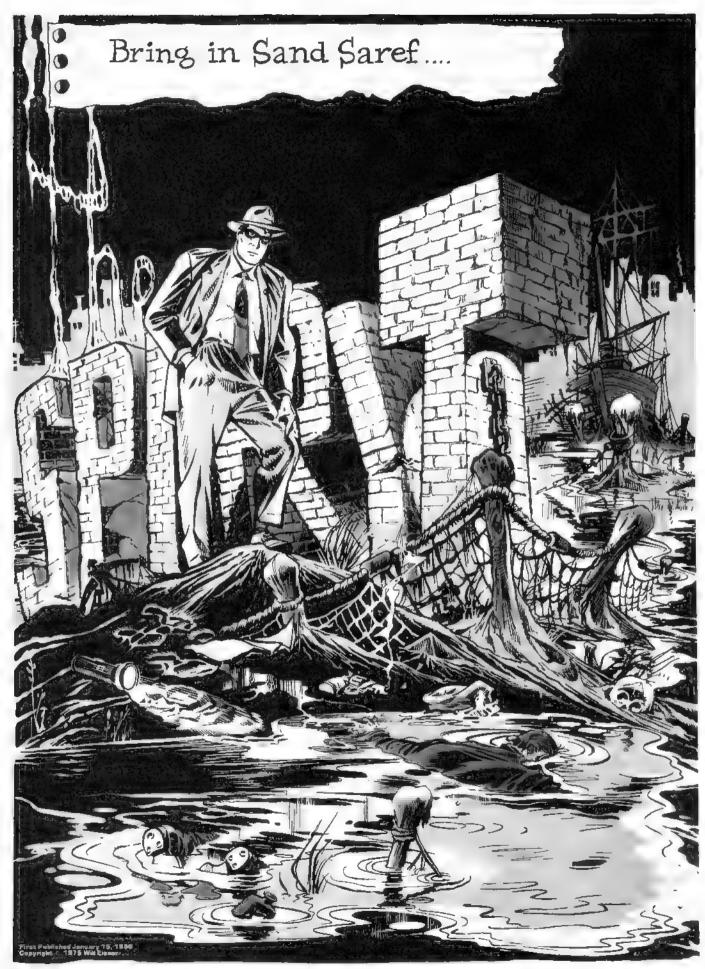




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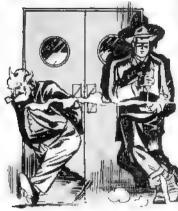
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AS FOR ME... I WAS WITH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AND I COULD ONLY FOLLOW HER PROGRESS BY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.. BELIEVE.ME.MISTER, THEY TOLD A LOT...
THAT GIRL REALLY GOT AROUND.

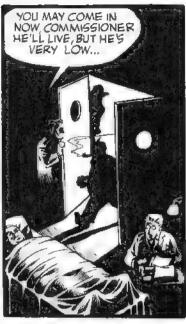




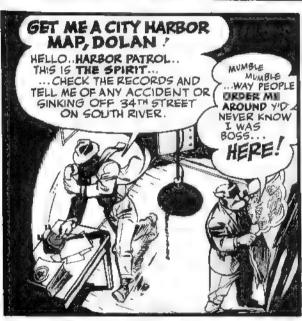
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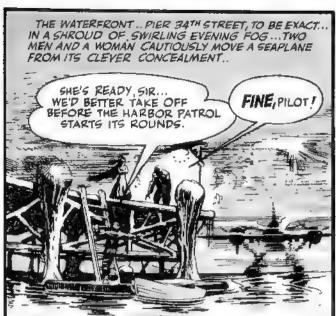
















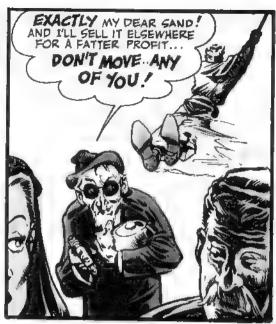


































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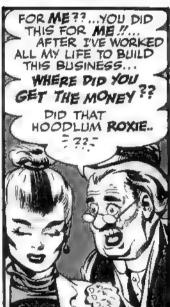








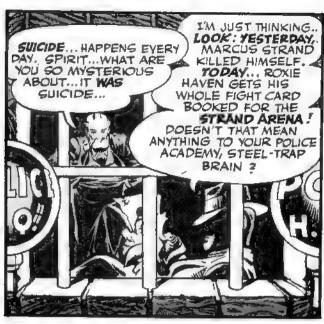
























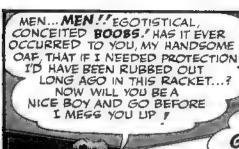


YES ... I BELIEVE

THE

SPIRIT







THORNE STRAND...YOU'RE NOT AS HARD AS YOU'D LIKE PEOPLE TO THINK ... YOU COULD BE A REALLY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IF YOU CALLED OFF YOUR WAR ON MANKIND! SEE YOU IN THE MORNING...

BOSS!









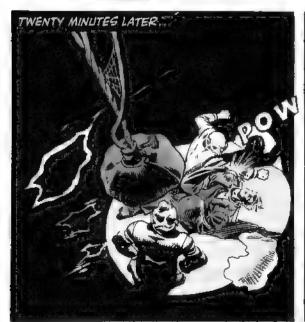
























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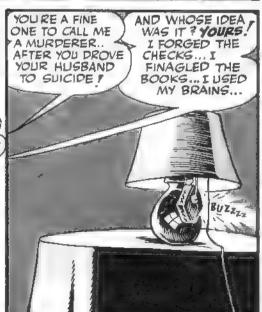
































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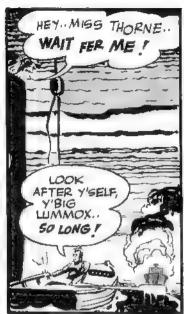






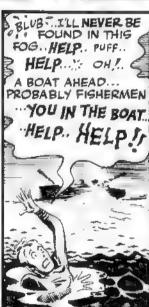




















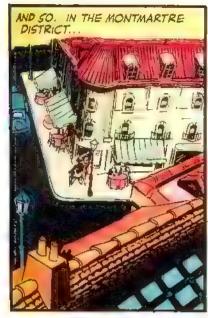




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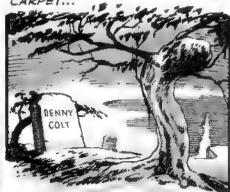








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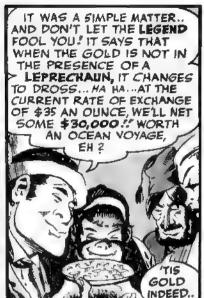


























































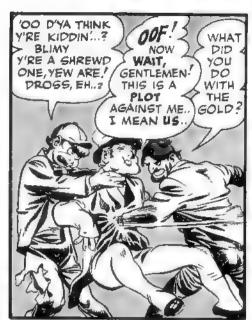






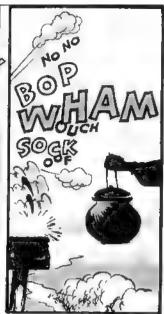




























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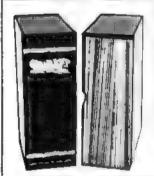
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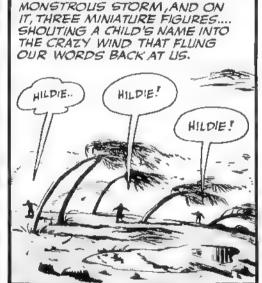












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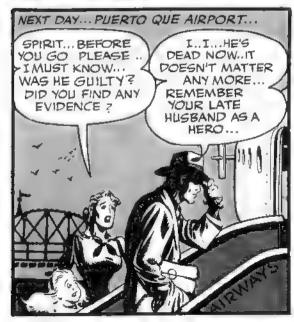
















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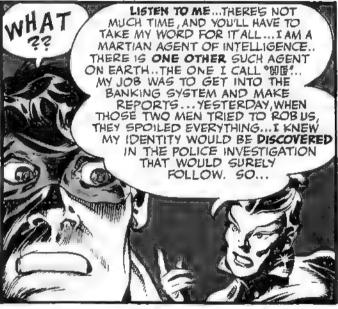








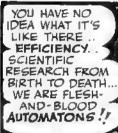














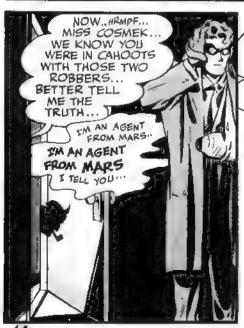
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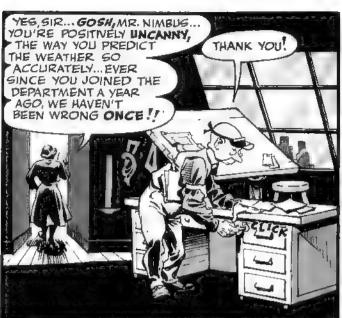






























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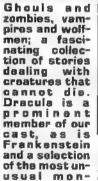
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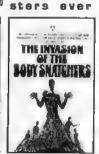
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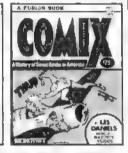
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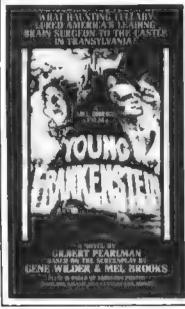


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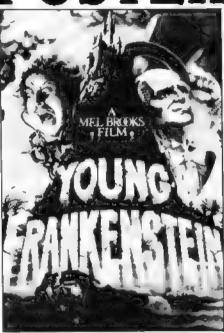
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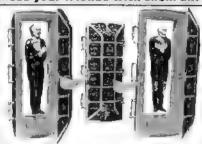


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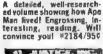


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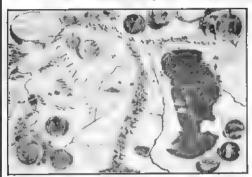


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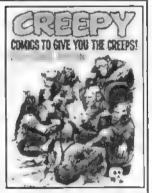


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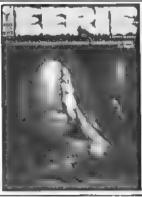


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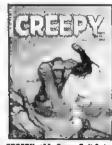








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